

**Testimony of Tina Yeitz**  
**President, Connecticut Association of Residential Care Homes**

*in regards to*

Re: H.B. No. 5196 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC REPORTING OF  
INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS OR DISCHARGES BY RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES.  
Aging Committee Public Hearing, March 3, 2022

Senator Miller, Representative Garibay, Senator Fazio, Representative Wilson and Members of the Aging Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony regarding H.B. No. 5196 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC REPORTING OF INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS OR DISCHARGES BY RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES.

My name is Tina Yeitz and I am the President of the Connecticut Association of Residential Care Homes also known as CARCH. I am the administrator for the Eliza Huntington Home in Norwich.

I am testifying today on behalf of CARCH and our members to comment on HB5196-AN Act Concerning Electronic Reporting of Involuntary Transfers or Discharges by Residential Care Homes.

CARCH supports ensuring that the Ombudsman has notice of any involuntary discharges. For that reason, we have worked with the Department of Public Health, Department of Social Services and the Ombudsman's Office on amending the involuntary discharge process. We expect legislation pertaining to all parts of the discharge process will come up this session in the Public Health Committee and we will continue to work with those parties on passing legislation.

HB5196 lacks some important details such as when the RCH would be expected to provide notice to the Ombudsman that may need further clarification. We welcome the opportunity to continue to engage with this Committee and the Ombudsman as the bill moves forward to ensure there is clarity in the law.

Respectfully –

Tina Yeitz, President  
Connecticut Association of Residential Care Homes